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TAGS: CASC, SNAR, PINT, CGEN, EGEN, MX (RODRIGUEZ, TEODORO AVILA)

SUBJ: HIGHWAY MURDER TEODORO RODRIGUEZ AVILA, POSSIBLE US CITIZEN

REF: MAZATLAN'S 0488

1. ON DECEMBER 19, CONSUL NOTIFIED BY AP, MEXICO CITY, THAT TEODORO RODRIGUEZ AVILA AGED 56, TRAVELING WITH MARIA TRINIDAD QUEZADA OF 700-B MISSION STREET, SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA, WAS MURDERED AT 5 A.M. ON HIGHWAY 15, 20 KILOMETERS NORTH OF LOS MOCHIS. ACCORDING TO AP SOURCE RODRIGUEZ, TRAVELING IN A YELLOW CAMPER WITH MEXICAN BORDER PLATES, WAS FIRED UPON AND KILLED BY BULLETS FROM A PASSING WHITE AUTOMOBILE WITH NO LICENSE PLATES. VARIOUS AUTHORITIES CONTACTED BY CONSUL STATED THAT RODRIGUEZ' CITIZENSHIP UNDETERMINED BUT UNOFFICIALLY IT HAS BEEN LEARNED FROM STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE THAT RODRIGUEZ' SON INFORMED THEM THAT HIS FATHER WAS U.S. CITIZEN BORN IN NEW MEXICO. STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL NOW ATTEMPTING CHECK DOCUMENTS WHICH WILL CONFIRM CITIZENSHIP OF RODRIGUEZ.

2. THE LOS MOCHIS PRESS SPECULATED THAT RODRIGUEZ WAS KILLED BY MFJP WHEN HE TRIED TO RUN ONE OF THEIR ROAD BLOCKS. SIMILAR SITUATION OCCURRED OCTOBER 17, WHEN MEN REPRESENTING THEMSELVES AS MFJP FIRED SEVERAL SHOTS INTO CAMPER OF PATRICIA AND OSCAR OLDS (MAZATLAN'S 0488). THIS INCIDENT STILL UNDER UNCLASSIFIED

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INVESTIGATION, ALTHOUGH FEDERAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY STATES ALL HIS OFFICERS HAVE DISCLAIMED ANY PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT. HE HAS NOT, HOWEVER, DENIED THAT THE EVENT OCCURRED.

3. CONSUL WILL ENDEAVOR CONFIRM CITIZENSHIP OF RODRIGUEZ SOONEST AND, IF U.S. CITIZEN, WILL FOLLOW THROUGH WITH VIGOROUS OFFICIAL PROTEST.

4. IT IS SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE THAT BOTH OF THESE CASES OCCURRED IN DARKNESS AND THAT IN THE OLDS' CASE THE ASSAILANTS WERE NOT UNIFORMED AND TRAVELLING IN UNMARKED VEHICLE. IN RODRIGUEZ CASE, VEHICLE OF ASAILANTS UNMARKED AND WITHOUT LICENSE PLATES. THEREFORE, ONE CAN SPECULATE THAT BOTH PARTIES FELT THEY WERE BEING HELD UP BY BANDITS AND TRIED TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT.  
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